

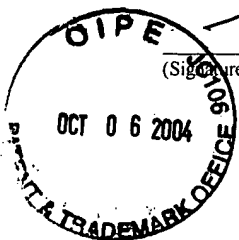
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Attorney Docket No.: SUN-P5355

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Inventor: G. William Walster, et al.
Title: SOLVING SYSTEMS OF NONLINEAR EQUATIONS USING INTERVAL ARITHMETIC AND TERM CONSISTENCY
Filing Date: November 16, 2001
Serial Number: 09/991,477
Group Art Unit: 2124
Examiner: Mai, Tan V.

Listed below or on an attached Form PTO-1449 is information known to applicant(s) and submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. A copy of each listed publication and U.S. and foreign patent, except for pending U.S. applications, is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98.

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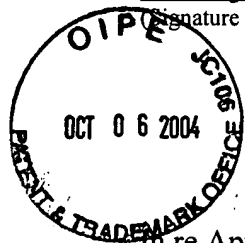
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PETITION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2)

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Pursuant to 37 C. F. R. § 1.97(d)(2), Applicant(s) hereby request that the Commissioner consider the information disclosure statement submitted herewith.

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